

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 6 references to be considered by the Examiner. Also enclosed are 4 foreign patent references and/or non-patent literature as listed on the Information Disclosure Statement.

US 5,549,684 is the United States counterpart application for previously submitted German Application DE 40 41 920 C2.

US 6,364,911 is the United States counterpart application for previously submitted German Application DE 197 16 879 A1.

DE 299 06 909.5 is a search report for the counterpart German application. It lists three references, all of which have been previously submitted in an IDS for the present application. As shown in the search report, the three references are provided in the category "A" (i.e., only to show the general state of the art).

WO 95/35074 was previously submitted in an IDS in the present application. It was identified in the search report of the counterpart German application discussed above. As noted in said search report, the relevant section of this reference is the abstract, an English translation of which is provided. Moreover, as noted in said search report, this reference is provided only to show the general state of the art. This reference shows a femoral implant that comprises

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condylar pads joined on the front side by a trochlea. The back external and internal profiles of the condylar pads are different from the real anatomical profiles in that they are capable of creating a back portion of an asymmetrical prosthesis.

EP 1 033 117 A3 is a search report for the counterpart EP application. It lists two references, both of which have been previously submitted in an IDS for the present application. As shown in the search report, the two references are provided in the category "A" (i.e., only to show the general state of the art).

EP 0 707 839 A1 was previously submitted in an IDS in the present application. It was identified in the search report of the counterpart EP application discussed above. As noted in said search report, this reference is provided only to show the general state of the art. This reference shows a knee-joint femoral prosthesis having a front trochlean section (1), an intermediate section (2) and two rear condyle sections (3) with a channel (4) between them. Each condyle section is thickened by an inner layer (6a, 6b), which increases the angle of flexure of the femur without producing a cam locking effect against the tibial prosthesis. The intermediate section (2) of the prosthesis has four surfaces in contact with the femur – two main surfaces (P1, P2) and two curved or flat inner surfaces (P3). It is connected to the front section by two further flat surfaces (P5) lying at an angle of about 45 degrees to the main surfaces (P1, P2).

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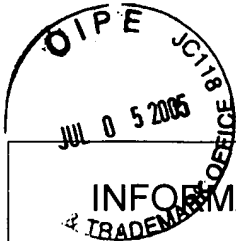
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	1	5,549,684	08-27-1996	Amino et al.	
	2	6,364,911	04-02-2002	Schmotzer et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	3	DE 299 06 909.5	01-19-2000	Search Report for Counterpart German Application		
	4	WO 95/35074	12-28-1995	PCT cited in Search Report of Counterpart German Application	Abstract	English Abstract
	5	EP 1 033 117 A3	01-02-2003	Search Report for Counterpart EP Application		
	6	EP 0 707 839 A1	04-24-1996	EP Publication cited in Search Report for Counterpart EP application		

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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